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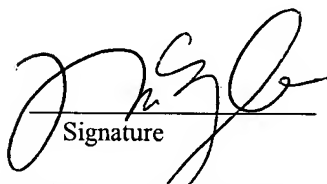
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4. U.S. Patent 5,906,578, issued May 25, 1999;
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6. U.S. Patent No. 6,149,598, issued November 21, 2000;
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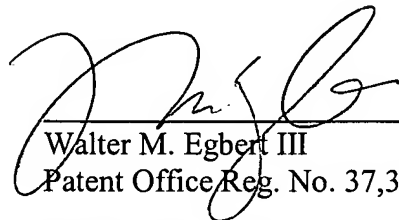
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